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“I go home at least once a month for work ... It’s how I make money to pay for school.”

Kelsey Smith | Sophomore

IS bowling green A suitcase campus?

HOW FAR WILL YOU GO?

Heading home for the weekend can be a costly and time consuming ordeal. Here are some popular places where University residents call home and the particular city’s distance from the University:

- **Cincinnati:** 183 miles
- **Cleveland:** 125 miles
- **Columbus:** 130 miles
- **Toledo:** 25 miles

University, local business attempt to keep students in town during weekends

By Patrick Pfanner
Reporter

With a long weekend approaching, some students might plan to get away after their first two weeks of school-related stress.

Stress and long weekends are just a few reasons why, on some extended weekends, students leave in masses after Friday classes end. Some students label the University as a “suit-

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HIT THE ROAD

Heading home for the long weekend? Vent with @The_BG_News and screech what annoying roadway problems you run into by tweeting them at @FalconScreech

University avoids Flu pandemic

Students, faculty utilize health center, flu shot clinics

By Danae King
Campus Editor

The flu is widespread throughout the country, but Bowling Green could be an exception.

College seems like it might be a breeding ground for viruses, but the Student Health Center hasn’t seen many cases, said Deb Busdeker, director of the Student Health Center.

“We’re seeing some [cases],” Busdeker said. “We’re not in an epidemic here.”

The Student Health Center has given more than 500 flu shots, but it has about 400 doses left, Busdeker said.

As far as the severity of the cases the health center has treated, Busdeker said she doesn’t think they’re more severe than past years.

“There’s nothing abnormal going on,” she said. “It pretty much seems to be following the normal patterns.”

Faith Yingling, director of Wellness at the University, said the severity of the flu depends on the year.

“It’s really hard to say, with a virus you never can tell from year to year what it’s going to be like,” Yingling said. “That’s why we encourage people to get the vaccination so we can guard against as much as possible.”

Sarah Patrick, a junior, said she got the flu vaccine at a pharmacy while she was at home and she said other students should get the shot too.

“It’s important to try to keep yourself healthy and make sure you’re not spreading your germs and getting other people sick,” Patrick said.

It seems like the flu season started earlier this year, Yingling said.

“It definitely seems that we’ve certainly seen a lot more of it,” she said. “We’ve got a lot of flu

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Program allows former students to return to University, earn degree

By Geoff Burns
Reporter

For students who have taken time off from the University, there is still a way to return and earn a degree.

University officials have brought back a program called the National Finish What You Started Campaign, where students who have stopped taking classes in the past two years have been chosen to return to earn their degree.

The campaign had been done five years ago and was reinstated in the fall of 2010 said Rodney Rogers, senior vice president and provost for Academic Affairs. In order for the students to be chosen, they need to have had a required academic standing and at least 25 credit hours at the time they left the University, he said.

“If we can personalize and

“It’s open to any student based upon their GPA performance.”

Rodney Rogers | Academic Affairs

layout the model and pathway to get them towards that degree or attainment, that’s our goal,” Rogers said. “We’ll work with them and meet with them to discuss the program they’re close to completing for their degree.”

There were more than 1,100 students at the University eligible for the program between fall 2010 and the summer of 2012, said Andrew Alt, director of New Student Orientation and First Year Programs.

“We wanted to create an opportunity and initiative for students returning to complete their degree and to get back in

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FENCING FOR THE WIN



KATIE LOGSDON | THE BG NEWS

STUDENTS RAYMOND Szparagowski and Kevin Semones practice before a fencing match Thursday night. Members of the Fencing Club competed against each other to determine who will fill the four team spots for the Cleveland State Fencing Tournament next weekend.

FALCONS REBOUND FROM LOSS

After a tough loss to I-75 rival Toledo, The Falcons took their frustrations out on Ball State. BG won convincingly 73-42 for another MAC win. | **PAGE 5**



SHOT TO THE HEART

Columnist Chance Stoodt explores the reasons as to why emotional arguments in the gun control debate could lead to rushed legislation and unnecessary laws. | **PAGE 4**

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T CATCH THE FLU?



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SUITCASE

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case campus,” meaning a large amount of students head home for an entire weekend.

“I go home at least once a month for work,” said Kelsey Smith, a University sophomore. “It’s how I make money to pay for school.”

Some University employees disagree with the suitcase characterization, saying that campus events such as sporting events and University-sponsored activities in the surrounding area entice students to stay in the area year-round.

“We’re a residential campus,” said Timothy Shaal, senior associate director at the Office of Residence Life.

Shaal said there are almost 300 student-sponsored organizations on campus. Most groups offer activities on weekends, compelling students to stay.

Some popular events happening during a typical University winter weekend include

“The campus does a good job of planning the weekends.”

Tim Shaal | Residence Life

swim meets and hockey games, according to the University’s Athletics schedules.

Plus, this weekend the University is hosting a Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Challenge, an event where volunteers help a non-profit organization in the area.

“The campus does a good job of planning the weekends,” Shaal said. “I’m never worried about a mass exodus.”

Some students like to stay in their rooms during the weekend. But University resident advisers try to get everyone involved by creating new activities, such as game nights or study groups.

“We have a focus team working on fun academic opportunities on campus,” said Nicholas Doebr, administrative resident adviser at the Harshman Quadrangle.

It’s the job of the resident advisors to serve as positive role models. They are expected to create community development programs for the benefit of students, according to the resident advisor employment agreement found on the University’s website.

While some students leave campus every weekend, others can’t afford the commute home.

“Some people might stay on campus every weekend because the price of gas is so high,” said Lindsay Honigford, University freshman.

In addition to the large number of University-sponsored events every weekend, dozens of local businesses, including Ziggy Zoomba’s and Beckett’s, strive to attract student customers.

Bob Everhart, owner of Ziggy Zoomba’s on Wooster Street, is one of the business owners banking on the business of students who don’t pack up and head home every weekend.

“Students are most of my business. I love their business,” Everhart said.

FLU

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going on nationally.”

College students may be more at risk for getting the flu, for a few reasons, Yingling said.

Patrick said she has seen people with the flu this year, but that they usually stay in.

Factors such as weaker immune systems because of stress, lack of sleep and nutrition issues like a less than ideal diet may contribute to the risk for getting the flu, Yingling said.

Students can do things like staying hydrated, getting enough sleep, eating a well-balanced diet and getting exercise to help prevent the flu, Yingling said.

Patrick said she takes measures beyond getting the vaccine to prevent herself from getting the flu.

“Washing hands a lot, using hand sanitizer more frequently during the day, being preventative in those kinds of ways,” Patrick said.

Another factor is the close quarters that often come with college living, Yingling said. If students’ roommates have the flu, Yingling said to avoid sharing items such as utensils and glasses.

“[That’s] such an easy way to pass those germs,” Yingling said.

Patrick said she would make sure to not share items with her roommate

if they were ill.

“I would try to stay away as much as possible, keep my distance,” she said.

Jane Swartz, sophomore, said she heard that the flu hit pretty hard in Ohio, but she hadn’t heard of many cases on campus.

She hasn’t had a flu shot and said she probably won’t get one.

“I guess because I feel like I stay healthy,” Swartz said. “I don’t necessarily need a shot.”

Swartz said she does other things such as eating healthy and exercising to help her body be strong and to prevent illness.

If people are not feeling well it is good to get rest and minimize contact with people as much as possible, Yingling said.

Yingling said there are also misconceptions about the flu shot.

“One of the biggest misconceptions that I hear about the flu vaccine from students is that it’s going to make me sick,” Yingling said. “The shot is a dead virus unless it’s a nasal virus, then it’s weakened.”

Sometimes, people are already on the verge of getting sick before they get the vaccine, Yingling said.

There are a lot of different strains of the flu, so the shot is not a guarantee, Yingling said.

“It is a preventative action you can take,” Yingling said. “It’s not hard, all it is is a vaccine.”

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that academic program,” Alt said. “We want them to complete their goals of completing their degree or obtaining a job or going on to graduate school.”

Students who have dropped out because of a low GPA or been put on academic suspension are not qualified to be part of the program, Rogers said.

“We’re not changing any of our minimum standards,” Rogers said. “It’s open to any student based upon their GPA performance, whether it be for their bachelor’s or associate’s degree.”

The program serves as a major purpose to those who have struggled to obtain their degree, but haven’t been able to, said junior Ryan Steffen.

“If it’s for the advance-

“I work so hard all day, I’m ready to watch some television.”

Soand So | Patrolman

ment of people it will help them out in the long run,” Steffen said. “They would be able to have more opportunities in life and it would be benefiting themselves.”

Rogers hopes universities will make it to the point where students’ academic advisors would help them enough to render the campaign unnecessary.

“We know that life gets in the way sometimes for all of us and causes us to reroute our goals,” Rogers said. “We just want to reach out towards students and to let them know there’s a way for them to reach their degree.”

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‘Radio Rosco’ keeps singing

Local YouTube star raps about University life

By Geoff Burns
Pulse Reporter

Known for his rap song about the Stroh Center, Mikey “Rosco” Blair has been writing new songs and releasing videos on the Internet to try and get his name more widely known.

Blair’s “Stroh Center Rap” had received national attention from ESPN and has more than 180,000 views on YouTube. Blair wants to pursue his passion for rapping after he gets a degree in Telecommunications. He has 10 new songs out now, including the songs “Grinding” and “Mission,” he said.

“I usually write songs based on how my day is going or what is going on and how I feel,” Blair said. “I use my music and lyrics as my rap diary.”

Blair creates videos with freshman Kevin Cedar, on camera, for the songs. The development of video ideas consist of creating basic concepts that reflect the lyrics of a particular song and brainstorming with Cedar to see what fits the best.

Cedar has been filming as a hobby since he was in high school and has won awards for his work such as: a gold medal for TV/Video production for the state of Ohio, first place in the Black Eyed Peas National Video Contest and the top 30 videos for the No Bull Challenge in the United States. After hearing the “Stroh Center Rap,” Cedar said he instantly became a fan of Blair and the two have built a friendship since then.

“{Blair and I} all meet together and we’ll discuss it and all put our creative ideas together,” Cedar said. “We’re not recording anything right now, but I plan on making more videos with him.”

Blair wants to make another video showcasing what University life is like by featuring Freddie and Frieda and University President Mary Ellen Mazey featured in the project. He said he wants to show how fun it is to be living in the college atmosphere.

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HOLLYWOOD IN OHIO

Ohio offers cheaper, alternative location for film producers

By Amber Petkosek
Pulse Reporter

L ights, camera and tax incentives — filming Hollywood movies in Ohio is bringing more than just excitement to the area. Ohio offers multiple options to entice film producers to consider filming their movies.

It has become a popular place for Hollywood movies to be filmed.

“It’s a great middle ground to come here,” said Lucas Ostrowski, instructor in the Department of Theater and Film.

Ohio is used as a filming location for Hollywood movies because of its variety of landscapes.

“There is a lot of different looks that Ohio has,” Ostrowski said. “It has the wilderness, it has the farm lands, if you go to southeast Ohio you have the rolling hills, and Appalachia. If you go to Cleveland and Akron you have the rust belt and the industry.”

Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, was the filming location for the movie “The Ides of March,” starring George Clooney and Ryan Gosling.

Miami was almost not used as the filming location because Clooney thought it

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MOVIE REVIEW



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Students personalize eco-friendly tumblers as alternative to plastic water bottles

By Amber Petkosek
Pulse Reporter

Some students prefer a regular water bottle, but others are starting to sip in style.

Tumbler cups have recently become popular with some students.

Mark Bennion, associate professor in the marketing department, said students might use tumblers because they meet students’ needs better than regular water bottles.

“Any product that takes off meets someone’s needs in some way,” he said.

The idea of students using tumblers to cut down on the waste water bottles create is most likely not true, Bennion said.

“There may be a few that use them to create less waste, but the majority, no,” he said.

The convenience of the tumblers outweigh the effects they have on the environment, Bennion said.

“I don’t know if the environment necessarily scores very high



Mark Bennion
Associate Professor in the Marketing Department

with students,” he said.

Another reason Bennion said students use tumblers for the affordability.

“It appears to be cheaper than buying drinks and you have options as to what you can carry,” he said.

Senior Alexa Gasparro said she uses the cups because they are less expensive than buying individual bottles of juices.

“It’s easy and cheap, and it’s a one-time purchase,” she said.

The University bookstore offers options for different styles of tumblers from personalized cups to Bowling Green themes.

Students can stop at the bookstore’s Paparte station on the second floor to personalize their very own tumblers, key chains and iPhone 4 cases.

“We can print any name,

“It appears to be cheaper than buying drinks and you have options as to what you can carry.”

Mark Bennion | Associate Professor

sorority or initials,” said Heather Schortgen, an assistant merchandise manager at the bookstore. “It’s no additional cost to personalize.”

Schortgen said she sees mainly women carrying around personalized cups.

“They definitely have a girly aspect to them,” she said.

Some students choose to buy the tumblers as gifts for others.

“Around Christmas we had a lot of traffic,” Schortgen said. “Also, during rush with the big-little program we had a lot of people

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET What are you doing to make sure you don't catch the flu?



RYAN HRICSINA
Junior,
Marine Biology

"I eat and drink a lot of stuff with vitamin C."



TEASHA GILMORE
Freshman,
Nursing

"Absolutely nothing."



BRIANA BURKS
Freshman,
Pre-Social Work

"I use hand sanitizer everywhere I go."



BROOKE MORGANO
Freshman,
Education

"Eating healthy and trying to work out."

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Gun control debate should remain objective



CHANCE STOODT
COLUMNIST

Following any disastrous event, the first way most of us respond is with emotion.

The death of children is a horrific tragedy. Responding with anger, sorrow, despair and fear is all understandable. However, few attempts are made at fully understanding complicated issues associated with tragedy. Our emotion often blinds us and reason is kicked to the curb.

This was evident in one BG News column titled, "Focus on guns, not 'violent culture.'"

The columnist, like so many others, posits the issue is as simple as the bullets in the gun. He writes, "evilness exists, and evil people don't kill using violent games. They use guns. Guns with bullets."

All too often, complex issues are simplified and exaggerated to fit preferred narratives of ideologues. The gun control debate has been no different.

Many people feel that it matters not what motivates the killer. They would instead prefer to employ the spilt blood (or lack thereof) as defending evidence. It's precisely this sort of carelessness that perpetuates ineffective, counter-productive solutions.

Rushing legislation has given us such atrocious policies as President Bush's Patriot Act and I fear that President Obama's proposals of 23 new executive orders will prove to be of the same atrocity. If we too successfully mitigate tragedies such as the Sandy Hook shooting, it will require much more deliberation and responsibility.

The gun debate has featured a tremendous amount of fear mongering. Some have rather arbitrarily suggested these tragedies are becoming more violent, thus requiring more immediate action.

FBI reports reveal violent crime is half of what it was 20 years ago, in 1993. Coincidentally, the use of guns in those crimes has also substantially dropped, according to the same report.

Criminologist James Alan Fox agrees there is no increase in mass shootings, either in average number of deaths or frequency: "In the 1980s, we had a flurry of postal shootings, and the 1990s included a half dozen schoolyard massacres. Other than the copycatting reflected in these cases,

the clustering of mass murders is nothing more than random timing and sheer coincidence."

Schools are safer than they were 20 years ago. The National Center for Educational Statistics reports violent crime and theft in schools have dropped considerably. The rate of victimization has declined from 53 per 1,000 students to 14.

These numbers are interesting considering the fact gun ownership continues to increase during these same time periods. According to factcheck.org, gun ownership in the United States has risen by over 5 percent over the past decade and continues to increase while gun murder rates are the lowest they've been since 1981.

I only use these statistics to show that the cry for help, however righteous, must be replaced with reason and that there is evidence to consider on either side. Just the same, we must also be diligent in ascertaining the facticity of those facts. Indeed, one can make a graph or chart say anything.

For example, Republicans and many pro-gun advocates claim the United Kingdom, despite a full gun ban, experiences 2,034 cases of violent crime a year per 100,000 people, while the US only experiences 466. Case closed, right? Wrong. The United Kingdom's definition of "violent crime" is much more loose than ours, accounting for all sexual assaults and common assaults, not only aggravated assaults and forcible rapes. Suddenly this "fact" becomes another exacerbating incident of misinformation.

My point is the answer is more intricate than illusory correlations. The debate deserves and requires more consideration and a more objective approach.

Nick Gillespie, editor of Reason Magazine, said "the Sandy Hook school shooting is as horrifying a crime as can be imagined. It rips out the country's heart and the call to action is strong and righteous." Gillespie goes on to warn, however, that those debating gun control "need to lead with their heads and not their hearts."

My hope is these issues receive a fair bit more honesty and a fair bit less ideology in the future.

Respond to Chance at
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WINTER WOES



SHELBY SWINHAGEN | THE BG NEWS

Make resolutions to always keep improving self



PAUL MCKENZIE
COLUMNIST

By now we have all made and broken our New Year's resolutions.

I had four. While they are still attainable, I have botched them all in the last three weeks also.

I resolved to lose 80 more pounds this year, to stop swearing, to be more patient and to start reading the Bible.

I can tell you this dear readers I am still cussing way too much. I am still overeating and ignoring my post-gastric bypass diet. I have not picked up my new Bible yet either.

To my shame, I have not exhibited more patience. While failing at these resolutions makes me part of the majority, I must not despair for I can reboot and start them all again; just a little later than New Year's Day.

In my haste to make these four resolutions, I stupidly forgot to add a fifth one.

As it turns out, it is the most

important of all to listen. I do not mean to hear and wait to talk, I mean to really, ardently listen.

I grew up in a family of arguers. We talked with each other, at each other and over each other. We finished each other's sentences.

While this is insensitive and obnoxious, it was our norm. Well, it really was not our norm; it was my norm.

I am good company. I can remember outlandish details from decades ago. I tell these anecdotes in an entertaining way.

This isn't to brag, I just know myself.

Lest you think I am arrogant, believe me, I know what I cannot do well and it requires NASA to count a number that high. One of the things I do not do well is being patient in conversation and really listening to people.

When I resolved to be more patient, I meant mostly while interacting with my loved ones and friends. I wait to talk and most of the time I do not even wait. It is unfair, boorish and disrespectful also.

I have always absolved myself of blame for this behavior, claiming that it really was not a problem. I am confessing today that it most certainly is a problem, one that is growing by the day.

Why am I telling this to you, the readers of the BG News? It is to tell you that no matter how well things are going for you, you still can improve.

My life has been on a roll for five years now. I get complacent and tell myself that things could not possibly be better.

I have a wife and family that I adore. I am in my second year of graduate school, I have lost 180 pounds and I feel so alive.

All this is terrific, but I have made the mistake of thinking I am finished, that I do not need to improve. I am telling you all to not fall into this delusional trap. It will only lead to frustration and strife.

Being 42 years old, I sometimes fall into the role of Grandpa Paul when I interact with my younger fellow students and friends. Take these

words of advice from your Grandpa Paul, do not stop trying to improve yourself.

Do not think you are a finished product. Ask yourselves everyday "How can I do better?"

I forget to tell myself this every day, just like we all do. I am here to tell you that I for one would be a better person if I did this.

So let us take this to be our collective New Year's resolution. We all should work to improve ourselves: to be more patient, more loving, friendlier and to really listen.

Let us be courteous and giving with our family and friends. In the end, no one is going to care what we weighed or whether we made the Dean's List or not.

All anyone will remember is whether or not you kept improving and kept striving to be as good a person as possible.

That is my goal for 2013. Take it from Grandpa Paul, it should be yours too.

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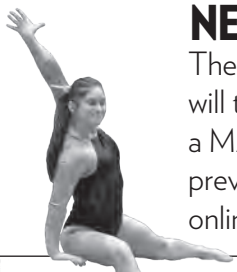
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The Falcon gymnastics team will travel to Northern Illinois for a MAC showdown. Read a full preview of the match-up only online at **BGNEWS.COM**

Hockey hopes momentum continues against Western Michigan

By **Ryan Satkowiak**
Senior Reporter

The BG hockey team is riding a wave of momentum into another matchup with a nationally ranked team.

The Falcons take on No. 10 Western Michigan this weekend in a home-and-home series. Friday's game will be played at 7:05 p.m. at the BG Ice Arena, while Saturday's game will be played at 7:05 p.m. in Kalamazoo.

Like BG and Notre Dame, the Falcons' most recent opponent, Western Michigan has only played 14 conference games so far this season — two games fewer than everyone in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association except for Ohio

State. Despite that, the Broncos are third in the league standings with 30 points.

Also, like Notre Dame, Western Michigan enters this series on a bit of a skid. During the Broncos' previous seven games, they are 2-2-3-1. The Falcons and Broncos have already played twice this season. Western won the first game, 3-1, and the two teams tied in the second game, with Western Michigan winning the shootout.

But right now, the Falcons are flying high with a 4-0-1 record in their last five games, with two of those wins coming against ranked teams.

"They're a great team; it's been a Jekyll and Hyde series since I've been here," said BG coach Chris

"When you're winning it seems like bounces start going your way, so keep that work ethic and keep that focus"

Chris Bergeron | Head Coach

Bergeron said. "We've played well against them [at home] and not so well up there.

"They pose a bunch of challenges. Their [defensemen] are as strong as anyone in the league, offensively and defensively. It's just another day in the life of the

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KATIE LOGSDON | THE BG NEWS

ANDREW WALLACE fights off a Notre Dame defender. The Falcons move on to face Western Michigan.



KATIE LOGSDON | THE BG NEWS

KATRINA SALINAS being guarded by two defenders in the team's win against Kent State. The Falcons beat Ball State Wednesday.

on the
RIGHT TRACK

Falcons rebound against Ball State after tough loss to Toledo

By **Max Householder**
Reporter

BG was back to its winning ways on Wednesday, beating the Ball State Cardinals 73-42.

Just as it seemed like Ball State was getting better, they ran into the wall which was the Falcons' defense.

Of the game's first 23 points, the Falcons had 21 of them. The Cardinals never got within 15 points after that and when it seemed as if they would get close, the Falcons put the margin back up over 20.

BG played angry as a result of their last loss to Toledo this past Sunday, giving them their first loss in conference. The added motivation spiked the Falcons to outplay Ball State in most of the major categories.

"[Going into the week] we had that we just lost to Toledo mentality. None of us were happy with how the Toledo game turned out and it was important to us to use this game to show people that is not who we are," senior Allison Papenfuss said.

The Falcons improved its scoring dramatically from the Toledo game by nearly doubling their point total. They also enhanced their shooting percentage in this game, shooting 47.3 percent for the game.

"It was important to grind in this game, we felt we lost a lot of transition baskets against Toledo and they controlled the tempo. In this game it was really important for us to control the tempo," Papenfuss said.

Controlling the tempo seemed effortless for the Falcons as they controlled it pretty much right from the start. Ball State's Brandy Wood made two free throws just 57 seconds in the game and yet the Falcons would take control from there.

With the game tied 2-2, BG would score the games next 19 points. Leading that surge was Redshirt junior Alexis Rogers

who hit her first five field goals of the night. She was 8 of 10 on the night with 17 points, 10 of which came in the first half.

Also getting in double-digits for the Falcons was the aforementioned Allison Papenfuss. The senior forward shot 60 percent from the field while scoring 12 points on the night. This effort was one point shy of her career best of 13 points.

"My point guards are great," Papenfuss said. "I think they love it when I am in the game because they can stand at half court and chuck the ball into me which makes it easier for them. I have a great group of girls around me."

"Allison ran the floor extremely hard tonight and Alexis [Rogers] got a lot of easy shots inside," Head Coach Jennifer Roos said.

"I knew Ball State would come out hard in the second half and that's when they did a lot of their defensive adjustments. I was just really happy with the overall effort today."

While the Falcons did not have a bad defensive game against Toledo, they were very good against the Cardinals. They [Ball State] were just 6 of 29 (20.7 percent) in the first half and closed the game out shooting 25.9 percent from the field.

Another key aspect which sought improvement from the Toledo game was rebounding and the Falcons did just that. BG outrebounded Ball State by a margin 47-30, improving from a 47-32 rebounding deficit they suffered at the hands of the Rockets.

This was a win that was important for the Falcons, not just because it was a conference game but also due to the fact that it was the last of a five game home stretch. BG was 3-2 on its longest home stand while only one of those was a conference

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Track and field travels to Michigan for next meet

Falcons to compete in Red Simmons/Jack Harvey Invitational against several Michigan universities

By **Cameron Teague Robinson**
Reporter

The BG track and field team will travel to the University of Michigan Saturday to participate in the Red Simmons/Jack Harvey Invitational. Field events are scheduled to begin at the U-M Indoor Track Building at 10:30 a.m. and running events will begin at 12:30 p.m. the times are still subject to change.

After last Saturday's home opener, the Falcons have had a week of training to switch their focus and prepare for this weekend's meet. Abby Koch who had a disappointing 3000-meter run last weekend will not be able to put that meet behind her just yet

as the distance runners will not be running this meet.

"We all have ups and downs you just have to move on and focus on the next meet," Head Coach Lou Snelling said. "She (Abby) will not be running this weekend; I prefer not to run the distance runners back to back weekends because of the length of their event."

This meet will be relative in size to the last two meets the Falcons have run. Besides the University of Michigan, the other teams competing are Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Detroit University. Although at this meet the team scores will not be recorded the Falcons will still compete at their best.

"We just want to keep building on the progress we have made so far," said Snelling. "If we continue to improve every week we will be where we want to be when February comes around."

The latest top 20 Mid-American Conference track and field rankings for each event were released. In that list you can find 12 different Falcon athletes, Dana Gates as a repeat in the long jump and triple jump, and the 4 X 400 relay team.

With the change MAC Championship system, in order for the girls to qualify for the championships they must place in the top 20 in their respective events when the end of the year comes around.

"It is hard to tell how many girls can qualify due to the new system," said Snelling. "But, we have crunched the numbers from last year and we know what we need this year to get where we want to be."

Standout Brooke Pleger is not only ranked second in the MAC in the weight throw but she is also ranked 27th in the country in it as well. With only two meets in the books Brooke and the entire track and field team looks to keep improving as the season goes on.

"It is awesome to have that level of success from Brooke," said Snelling. "But, we have a pretty group in all areas putting good performances together this year."

SPORTS
BRIEF

Jones to play in Raycom All-Star Game

BG football star Chris Jones will play in one more game as a college athlete.

Jones, who finished the year with the Falcons during the Military Bowl, accepted his appearance in the game for his first All-Star contest.

He will be representing the Stars portion of the roster and will be coached by former NFL head coach Jim Bates. Bates coached the Miami Dolphins in 2004.

As a defensive tackle, Jones turned many heads this past season as well as impressed NFL scouts that frequented the Doyt Perry press box to see him play. Jones finished the season with 12.5 sacks and earned the MAC defensive player of the year.

To add to his accolades, Jones was also named an All-American by the Football Writers Association of America.

The game will be telecasted live on CBS Sports Network at 3 p.m. Saturday. This is the first time this game has taken place.

Men’s basketball drops the ball

Falcons lose to Miami 63-60, try to refocus for game at Buffalo on Saturday.



STEVEN ECHARD | THE BG NEWS

JORDAN CRAWFORD looks to drive to the crease in a game this season.

By Alex Krempasky
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite having two players score 21 points a piece, BG lost to Miami 63-60 on Wednesday and BG will try to regroup before they travel to Buffalo on Saturday to take on the Bulls at 7 p.m.

Seniors A'uston Calhoun and Jordan Crawford each scored 21 points but the Falcons did not have much help from its bench. The bench scored a total of eight points, six of which were from sophomore Richaun Holmes. Senior Luke Kraus played 26 minutes of the 40-minute game but only scored two points during his time on the floor.

Even though the Falcons lost, it had one of its best games shooting percentage wise — BG shot 57.8 percent and the starting five made 22 of 37 shots during the game.

“Statistically, we played pretty well,” Head Coach Louis Orr said. “But the problem is when you're not stopping guys, and you go through a drought ... And you don't score, then the game, especially on the road, stops

“... The problem is when you’re not stopping guys, and you go through a drought ... then the game, especially on the road, stops being in your favor.”

Louis Orr | Head Coach

being in your favor.”

Holmes was pretty silent during the game on defense. He only blocked one Miami shot the whole game which marks one of his season lows. Holmes fell to No. 19 nationally in blocks per game (2.75) and is now tied at No. 21 nationally in total blocks with 44. He is tied with Buffalo's Javon McCrea, Georgia State's James Vincent and Southeast Missouri's Nino Johnson.

The 6-10 (1-2) Falcons travel to Buffalo Saturday to

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game. The Falcons will look to take that momentum into Athens, Ohio on Sunday.

“We told the kids that our schedule is very top heavy with home games in December and January but now we are going to be on the road,” Roos said. “It was important that we take care of business at home.”



KATIE LOGDSON | THE BG NEWS

BRENT TATE attempts to out-muscle a Notre Dame defender.

HOCKEY

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The Falcons are at a point in the season where they have realized there are no weekends off. Every team they play will be as good, if not better than the team they played the past weekend.

“The rest of our schedule is going to be great teams,” said BG defenseman Ryan Peltoma. “I think it gives us

a little bit of confidence coming in with wins. We were playing good, but we weren't getting results. These results are starting to come now and it gives the team a little more confidence.”

Bergeron said the team came back from Thanksgiving break with a different mentality, due to having time to sit back, reflect and be with their families and friends.

Now the team's effort is turning into wins. The Falcons seem to have been

playing with an increased intensity.

“We've always expected ourselves to play up to this kind of level,” said BG forward Ryan Carpenter. “We've been getting results; it's nice when [things] start going your way. We're just going to try to keep doing what we can, keep the ball rolling.”

“When you're winning it seems like bounces start going your way, so keep that work ethic and keep that focus.”

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take on the Bulls, who are struggling this season with a record of 5-12 (0-3).

Buffalo nearly defeated Miami this past Saturday but their 19-0 run against the

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Buffalo's five wins came before the start of the new year. They defeated Evansville

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